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Thousands of years ago aliens experimented on cavemen, supercharging their evolution, and then mysteriously left their experiments behind. These men and women built the city of Attilan and discovered a chemical called Terrigen that unlocked secret super-powers in their modified DNA, making them...

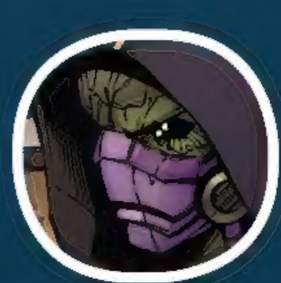
THE UNCANNY INHUMANS

MEDUSA

READER

BLACK BOLT

KARNAK


TRITON

AHURA

MAXIMUS

ISO

GRID

NAJA

INFERNO

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A prediction provided by Ulysses, a young Inhuman with the ability to perceive the events of the future, brought Earth's mightiest heroes together to stop a being of cosmic power from destroying the world. Another of Ulysses' visions empowered the heroes to apprehend the Mad Titan Thanos, but not without cost——Colonel James Rhodes, a.k.a. War Machine, was killed in the ensuing battle.

Enraged at the loss of his friend, Tony Stark, the invincible Iron Man, invaded New Attilan and kidnapped Ulysses in hopes of learning how the young Inhuman's powers work. Queen Medusa quickly mobilized her people to rescue their brother, but chose to spare Stark from further retaliation.

Finding Medusa's mercy weak, a fringe group of Inhumans struck out at Stark, Stark Tower and another Stark facility in Switzerland, making it seem like Medusa was responsible. And Tony has taken these attacks very personally...

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SZZCK

SHRRM

TAP

NEW ATTILAN.

THRONE ROOM.

HMM.

DAMN YOU, KARNAK.

HOW DID HE DO THAT, BOSS? HE TOOK THAT DRONE APART LIKE IT WAS MADE OF LEGOS!

BECAUSE HE'S *KARNAK.* THAT'S WHAT HE *DOES,* FRIDAY. AND IF WE DON'T CATCH HIM *HERE,* THEN WE NEVER WILL.

WEAK.

DAMMIT. HE'S GONE.

WHAT NOW?

NOW...

"...WE STICK WITH THE PLAN."

HELLO, BLACK BOLT. YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT I'M SORRY IT'S COME TO THIS.

FIRST THINGS FIRST--BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO GET CHATTY, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I DESIGNED THAT FIELD AROUND YOU TO BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT ACOUSTICALLY NEUTRAL.

SCREAM, SHOUT, WHATEVER YOU WANT--ALL THAT ENERGY WILL JUST BOUNCE AROUND IN THERE--RIGHT BACK AT YOU.

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO OVERLOAD IT IF YOU SCREAM AS LOUD AS YOU CAN--

--BUT THERE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF YOU LEFT.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S A MISCONCEPTION ABOUT ME.

EVERYONE THINKS I'M SO COMPETITIVE. THAT I ALWAYS HAVE TO WIN.

IT'S NOT TRUE. I DON'T HAVE TO WIN...

...AS LONG AS THE BAD GUYS LOSE.

I WOULD HAVE LET IT GO. DESTROYING MY LIFE, DESTROYING MY THINGS--I EARNED THAT WHEN I STOLE ULYSSES FROM MEDUSA. I CAN HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES, AS LONG AS THEY LAND ON ME.

BUT THEN YOU GUYS HAD TO GO TOO FAR.

SHRRRRRRMMM

YOU HAD TO BE THE BAD GUYS.

THIS IS TONY STARK.

I HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF NEW ATTILAN.

BLACK BOLT IS IN MY CUSTODY, AND I HAVE DEPLOYED AN ENERGY SHIELD OVER THE CITY.

IT IS IMMUNE TO ATTACK, AND WILL NOT ALLOW TELEPORTATION IN OR OUT.

THAT INCLUDES THE DOG.

MY DRONES WILL NOT HURT YOU. THEY ARE HERE FOR YOUR SAFETY.

THEIR JOB IS TO KEEP EVERYTHING CALM AND UNDER CONTROL. HELP THEM DO THAT BY STAYING CALM AND UNDER CONTROL.

I DO NOT INTEND TO KEEP YOUR CITY. I WILL RETURN IT TO YOU AS SOON AS I GET WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.

YOUR LEADER HAS BEEN KILLING PEOPLE. MY PEOPLE. SHE MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY.

I WILL LIFT THE BLOCKADE AND LEAVE YOU IN PEACE...

...WHEN YOU GIVE ME MEDUSA.

ELSEWHERE.

WELL, MOTHER, THERE IT IS. SIMPLE ENOUGH. GIVE YOURSELF UP AND STARK LEAVES. WILL YOU DO IT?

I AM NOT A WOMAN WHO *GIVES UP,* AHURA. NOT MY CITY, NOT MYSELF, AND *NEVER TO THE LIKES OF TONY STARK.*

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

NEW ATTILAN.
GROUND LEVEL.
MAXIMUS, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
TO BE HONEST, TRITON...
SZZCK
YOWCH!
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'VE DONE. THAT'S PART OF THE FUN OF IT.
I JUST SURF THE CHAOS UNTIL THE NEXT IDEA COMES TO ME. IT'S ALL VERY INSTINCTIVE, YOU SEE.
AND FUN.
FUN?
YOU HAVE HANDED OUR PEOPLE'S HOME TO AN ENEMY, ALLOWED THE SACRED HALLS OF ATTILAN TO BE INVADED BY...BY ROBOTS...AND YOU CALL IT FUN?
HOW DARE YOU, MAXIMUS. I SHOULD--
OH, TRITON...
...PLEASE DON'T SPOIL THIS FOR ME.

YOU REMEMBER MY ***POWER,*** RIGHT? HARD TO IMAGINE YOU WOULD FORGET.

I CAN CONTROL THE MINDS OF LESSER MEN.

HERE'S THE THING, THOUGH. I DON'T LIKE TO USE THAT POWER. IT'S TOO ***PRECISE.*** THERE'S NO ***SURPRISE*** TO IT.

I COULD HAVE ***MADE*** ALL OF THIS HAPPEN--***FORCED*** IT. BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

THAT SAID...

...SWING THAT WEAPON AT ME AND I'LL MAKE YOU EAT IT.

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO ***DO?*** I NEVER ***WANTED*** THIS. I NEVER...

MAYBE. BUT YOU CAME TO ***ME,*** MY FRIEND. YOU CAN'T CAST A NET AND ACT SURPRISED WHEN, *UH,* I DON'T KNOW. THINK OF SOME FISH METAPHOR.

ANYWAY, DON'T WORRY. MEDUSA OR BLACK BOLT OR ONE OF THE OTHERS WILL GET THE SHIELD DOWN AND KICK IRON MAN OUT. AND ***THAT'S*** WHEN THINGS GET INTERESTING.

NOW WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO TRY TO HELP. I HAVE TO.

RIGHT ON, TRITON! YOU GO DO THAT! I'LL STAY HERE.

I FEEL LIKE THIS IS STARTING TO WRAP UP NICELY.

SZZCK

NEW ATTILAN.

CENTRAL ATRIUM.

SO MUCH FOR MEDUSA ASKING ME TO DEFEND THE CITY.

DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP, ISO. I DON'T THINK SHE WAS EXPECTING A FULL-SCALE ASSAULT BY THIS MANY, *UH*, IRON MANS.

I TOLD YOU HE'D DO SOMETHING. TONY STARK DOESN'T MESS AROUND. I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D ***HURT*** ANYONE, THOUGH. THAT REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HIM.

WHO KNOWS WHAT PROGRAMMING HE'S INSTALLED IN THESE DRONES, KAMALA? SOMETIMES A.I. MAKES WEIRD DECISIONS.

STARK MIGHT NOT ***MEAN*** FOR ANYONE TO GET HURT. DOESN'T MEAN IT WON'T HAPPEN.

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED AT ***ALL.*** I MEAN, ***BLACK BOLT*** WAS UP THERE. HE'S STRONGER THAN THE REST OF US PUT TOGETHER!

WHERE ***IS*** HE?

BLACK BOLT CANNOT SAVE US NOW.

KARNAK? WHERE THE HELL DID YOU COME FROM? AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS BLACK BOLT...IS HE ***DEAD?***

I DO NOT KNOW, INFERNO. HE LIVED WHEN I SAW HIM LAST, BUT STARK WOULD HAVE PLANNED FOR HIM ABOVE ALL OTHER INHUMANS. IF HE SURVIVES, BLACK BOLT WILL BE WELL-SECURED.

WE CANNOT RELY ON HIM. NOW...

...***YOU*** MUST FREE OUR PEOPLE, ISO.

ME? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I CAN'T.

QUEEN MEDUSA LEFT YOU IN CHARGE OF NEW ATTILAN'S DEFENSE. YOU MUST ORDER THE COUNTER-ATTACK.

WHAT? WE DON'T KNOW THE CAPABILITIES OF STARK'S DRONES. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY HE ***SENT.***

THERE ARE ***CHILDREN*** HERE.

PLUS, NOT EVERY INHUMAN HAS A POWER THAT'S GOOD IN A FIGHT. YOU WANT ME TO START A BATTLE IN ***HERE?***

OF COURSE. WE ARE ***INHUMAN.*** STARK'S DRONES ARE ***TOYS.*** IF WE ATTACK AS ONE, WITH MY GUIDANCE TO THEIR ***WEAK POINTS***...NEW ATTILAN WILL RETURN TO US IN SHORT ORDER.

YOU ***KNOW*** MEDUSA DIDN'T ORDER THE DESTRUCTION OF STARK TOWER OR THE OTHER ATTACKS AROUND THE WORLD. KNOWING THAT, WOULD YOU JUST ***GIVE HER UP?***

I...I GUESS I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. BUT WHY CAN'T ***YOU*** DO IT?

BECAUSE I AM KARNAK. BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WHEN I LOOK AT THEM I SEE THEIR WEAK SPOTS. THEIR WORST FLAWS.

NO ONE WILL FOLLOW ME INTO BATTLE. I CAN ADVISE, BUT I CANNOT LEAD. IT MUST BE ***YOU.*** YOU HAVE THE QUEEN'S AUTHORITY.

USE IT.

ALL RIGHT.

OKAY, EVERYONE. I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO BACK ME UP.

TONY STARK'S IN OUR HOUSE. WE'RE GOING TO KICK HIM OUT.

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME... BUT HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO *DO* THAT?

TO START, GRID--

--THIS.

SHHHK

MY FELLOW INHUMANS, MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW ME. I AM *ISO.*

I WAS NOT BORN IN NEW ATTILAN--I DID NOT EVEN KNOW I ***WAS*** AN INHUMAN UNTIL I ENCOUNTERED THE TERRIGEN CLOUD NOT SO LONG AGO.

INHUMAN SUBJECT ISO HAS ERECTED PRESSURE BARRIER.

I LEFT MY OWN HOME IN CHINA BEHIND WHEN IT HAPPENED. I DIDN'T MIND. I WAS NOT HAPPY THERE.

HOME NEVER GAVE ME ALL THAT MUCH. IT WASN'T SOMETHING I UNDERSTOOD, OR SOMETHING I THOUGHT I NEEDED.

ALL DRONES, SET REPULSOR BEAMS TO MAXIMUM--PENETRATE HER DEFENSES.

BUT THE REASON FOR THAT IS SIMPLE.

I NEVER ***HAD*** A HOME. NOT UNTIL I CAME HERE.

ALL OF *YOU* GAVE ME THAT HOME. YOU GAVE *US* A HOME.

YOU TAUGHT US. YOU CARED FOR US. YOU PROTECTED US BEFORE WE UNDERSTOOD HOW TO PROTECT OURSELVES.

NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

OUR HOME HAS BEEN TAKEN BY TONY STARK. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE IT BACK.

WILL YOU HELP US?

FOR MEDUSA!

FOR NEW ATTILAN!

FOR ISO!

PERFECT.

BARRIER DOWN.

KRRCK

ALL DRONES, NEUTRALIZE INHUMAN RESISTANCE EFFORT.

PUSH THEM BACK!

YOU'VE DONE WELL, ISO. THIS BATTLE WILL TAKE MUCH OF STARK'S FOCUS.

THE DISTRACTION WILL ALLOW US TO TAKE A SMALL SQUAD TO THE THRONE ROOM AND BRING DOWN THE SHIELD.

THAT'S ALL THIS IS? WE PUT FAMILIES IN DANGER AS A *DISTRACTION?*

OF COURSE. A BATTLE FOUGHT WITHOUT DECEPTION IS A BATTLE LOST.

GRID! INFERNO! WITH ME.

EVERYONE ELSE, KEEP FIGHTING! *KEEP OUR PEOPLE SAFE!*

WHERE ARE WE GOING, ISO?

UP.

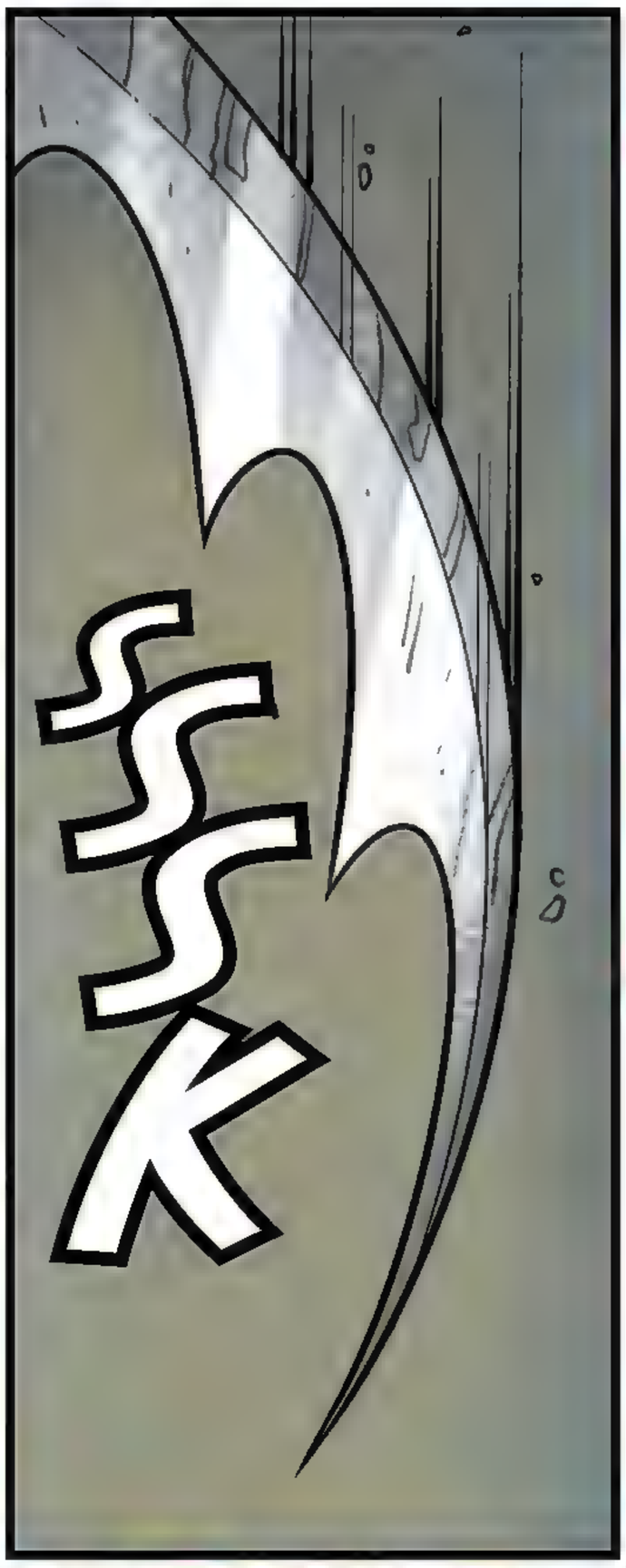
ACCESS BEYOND THIS POINT IS FORBIDDEN. ENHANCED SECURITY PROTOCOLS AUTHORIZED. RETURN TO THE HOLDING AREA IMMEDIATELY.

UH-OH. ANY IDEAS?

SURVIVING THE NEXT THREE MINUTES SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD PLAN.

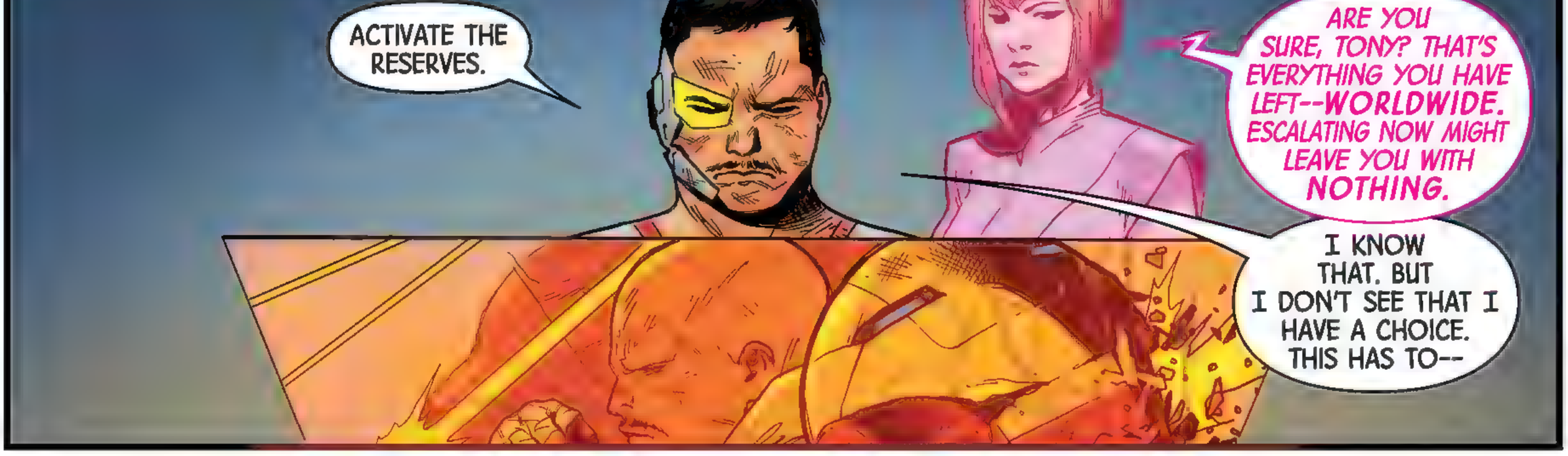
YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A SECOND WARNING.

VRRRRRRR



TRITON? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
KRACK
ALL THE WRONG PLACES. WHAT ARE WE DOING, AND HOW CAN I HELP?
WE'RE HEADED TO THE THRONE ROOM--IF WE CAN TAKE OUT STARK'S SHIELD, HE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON NEW ATTILAN.

"THEY'RE PAST THE SENTINEL DRONE, FRIDAY...
"...THEY'LL BE IN THE THRONE ROOM ANY MOMENT. IF THEY OVERLOAD MY SHIELD...IF THEY LET BLACK BOLT OUT..."


ACTIVATE THE RESERVES.
ARE YOU SURE, TONY? THAT'S EVERYTHING YOU HAVE LEFT--WORLDWIDE. ESCALATING NOW MIGHT LEAVE YOU WITH NOTHING.
I KNOW THAT. BUT I DON'T SEE THAT I HAVE A CHOICE. THIS HAS TO--

STOP!

THIS HAS TO *STOP.*

WHAT IS THAT THING?

ENNILUXIAN ATTACK ZEPPELIN. MEDUSA'S SON IS RUNNING ENNILUX THESE DAYS--AHURA MUST HAVE DECIDED TO HELP OUT HIS MOM.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

NOTHING GOOD--BUT IF I CAN KEEP THE ***SHIELD*** UP, WE CAN STILL--

VMMMMMMMMM

THE SHIELD IS DOWN! KEEP THE PRESSURE ON-- WE'VE ALMOST GOT HIM BEAT!

EVERYONE-- *STAND DOWN.*

I'M HERE, STARK.

GOOD. I ACCEPT YOUR SURRENDER.

NO.

NEITHER ONE OF US IS BLAMELESS, AND I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS I ORDERED.

BUT THE WORST OF THIS--THE ***DEATHS***--THE ***INNOCENTS***--I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

I HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ATTACKS--I BELIEVE THEY WERE ORCHESTRATED BY ***MAXIMUS.***

*YOU MEAN YOUR **BROTHER-IN-LAW?** OH, THAT'S CONVENIENT.*

YOU GET YOUR REVENGE-- I LOSE EVERYTHING I'VE BUILT, AND YOU HAVE THE WORLD'S BEST SCAPEGOAT SITTING IN THE WINGS.

*AM I JUST SUPPOSED TO TAKE THAT ON **FAITH,** MEDUSA?*

*WHERE THE HELL'S YOUR **PROOF?***

I DON'T HAVE IT ***YET.*** I'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT OCCUPIED TRYING TO SAVE MY HOME FROM A ***DRONE ATTACK.***

CAROL DANVERS HAS ***LASH*** IN CUSTODY AT THE TRISKELION. HE WAS ALLIED WITH MAXIMUS. ONCE HE BEGINS TO TALK--

OH, COME ON. PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, BUT THESE DAYS DANVERS AND I AREN'T EXACTLY--

SHE'S RIGHT. IT ***WAS*** MAXIMUS. THE ENTIRE ESCALATION. HE ENGINEERED THE WHOLE THING.

WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, TRITON?

BECAUSE... I WAS PART OF IT.

HE CONTROLLED YOUR MIND? THAT EVIL--

NO, MEDUSA.

I ***ASKED*** HIM TO DO IT. MY WILL WAS MY OWN. THE RESPONSIBILITY IS MINE.

WHERE IS MAXIMUS NOW?

HE WAS IN THE TOWER. HE'S THE REASON THE CITY'S DEFENSE LOCKDOWN WENT OFF-LINE. NOW THAT THE SHIELD'S DOWN, THOUGH...

"...I JUST DON'T KNOW. HE COULD BE ANYWHERE."

WHAT I'D GIVE TO BE UP THERE RIGHT NOW...

I BET IT'S AMAZING! MEDUSA AND STARK, ALL THAT ***DRAMA.*** OH, WELL.

ON TO THE NEXT THING, *EH*, FELLAS?

KLNK

MAXIMUS ONLY DID WHAT I ASKED HIM TO DO. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PUNISH, STARK--

--TAKE ME. I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP YOU FIND THE PRINCE.

THIS WORKS FOR ME. DOES IT WORK FOR YOU?

I...YES. THIS HAS TO END.

GOOD. I AGREE. BUT FOR GOD'S SAKE, MEDUSA...

"...GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER."

THE END.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

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"A SONG OF ENDINGS" STARTS

NOW

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